

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for selectively collecting information from a plurality of logical segments in a computing environment, the method comprising:
controllably designating one of a plurality of information storage modes, wherein each of the information storage modes identifies a different set of information from the plurality of logical segments to be stored and identifies one or more conditions occurring in the computing environment under which the designated set of information will be stored;

controllably designating at least one of a plurality of data collection periods based on operational defined by events occurring within designated portions of ~~in~~ the computing environment, each of the plurality of data collection periods defining a respective temporal window in which storage of the designated set of information is enabled; and

storing the designated set of information identified by the designated information storage mode only during the temporal window corresponding to the designated data collection period.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising controllably designating an information retrieval mode, wherein retrieval of the stored set of information is enabled in response thereto.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein controllably designating an information retrieval mode comprises substituting the designation of the information storage mode with the designation of the information retrieval mode.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein controllably designating at least one of a plurality of data collection periods comprises controllably designating at least

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